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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 755**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Ammiano**

February 21, 2013

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An act to add Section ~~2415~~ *14527.1* to the ~~Streets and Highways~~ Government Code, relating to bridges.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 755, as amended, Ammiano. Suicide barriers.

Existing law does not require bridges to be constructed with suicide barriers. *Existing law requires a project study report or a project study report equivalent to be prepared prior to the inclusion of a transportation capital improvement project in the regional transportation improvement program, which is prepared by regional agencies, or the interregional transportation improvement program, which is prepared by the Department of Transportation. Existing law requires the California Transportation Commission to adopt the state transportation improvement program incorporating projects included in the regional transportation improvement program and the interregional transportation improvement program. Existing law also requires the department to prepare, for approval by the commission, a separate state highway operation and protection program for capital improvements that are necessary to preserve and protect the state highway system.*

This bill would ~~provide that the construction or reconstruction of a bridge designed for use by motor vehicles shall not be eligible for federal funds apportioned to the state, funds made available from the Highway Users Tax Account, or toll bridge funds unless the planning process for~~

~~the bridge project takes into account the need for a suicide barrier. To the extent the bill would apply to bridges of local agencies, it would thereby impose a state-mandated local program require a project study report or project study report equivalent that is prepared for any new project involving the construction or reconstruction of a bridge, as defined, that is included in the regional transportation improvement program, the interregional transportation improvement program, or the state highway operation and protection program to include a document demonstrating that a suicide barrier was a feature considered during the project's planning process.~~

~~The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.~~

~~This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: ~~yes~~-no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 14527.1 is added to the Government Code,  
2     to read:

3     14527.1. (a) A project study report or project study report  
4     equivalent that is prepared for any new project involving the  
5     construction or reconstruction of a bridge, as defined in subdivision  
6     (b), included in a regional transportation improvement program,  
7     as described in Section 14527, the interregional transportation  
8     improvement program, as described in Section 14526, or the state  
9     highway operation and protection program, as defined in Section  
10    14526.5, shall include a document demonstrating that a suicide  
11    barrier was a feature considered for each bridge during the  
12    project's planning process.

13    (b) "Bridge" means a publicly owned bridge on the national  
14    highway system or the federal-aid highway system, or off system,  
15    a publicly owned bridge classified as non-federal-aid highway  
16    system.

17    SECTION 1. ~~Section 2415 is added to the Streets and Highways~~  
18    Code, to read:

1     ~~2415. The construction or reconstruction of a bridge designed~~  
2 ~~for use by motor vehicles shall not be eligible for federal funds~~  
3 ~~apportioned to the state, funds made available from the Highway~~  
4 ~~Users Tax Account, or toll bridge funds unless the planning process~~  
5 ~~for the bridge project takes into account the need for a suicide~~  
6 ~~barrier.~~

7     ~~SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that~~  
8 ~~this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to~~  
9 ~~local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made~~  
10 ~~pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division~~  
11 ~~4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.~~